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ALICE N. SALAS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES JI ENTERPRISE,
JI PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, JAMES JI, and
HYUNG LEE,

Defendants.

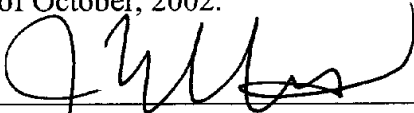
Civil Case No. 02-00002

ORDER

On February 6, 2002, the plaintiff filed the Complaint in the above-captioned case. On February 8, 2002, the plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint. When the defendants failed to file a timely answer, the plaintiff filed an application for default judgment on May 17, 2002. The defendants filed their Answer to the Amended Complaint on June 5, 2002.

The Court is mindful that default judgments are generally disfavored. "Cases should be decided upon their merits whenever reasonably possible." Eitel v. McCool, 782 F.2d 1470, 1472 (9th Cir. 1986) (citation omitted). Consistent with this principle, the Court hereby denies the plaintiff's application for default judgment.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of October, 2002.


JOHN S. UNPINGCO
District Judge